

## The American Association for Thoracic Surgery Journals

### *Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*

*Seminars in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* Editors, Dr Harvey Pass and Dr Todd Rosengart, would like to call your attention to several articles of interest in the current issue of the journal. "The 1000th VAD, the Great Rivalry, and the Grand Experiment of the Texas Medical Center," a commentary on Dr O.H. "Bud" Frazier's 1000th VAD implantation has been co-published in the *JTCVS*, *Texas Heart Institute Journal*, and *Seminars*.

Paired with this commentary authored by Editor, Dr Todd Rosengart, the "News and Views" section features an editorial written by Dr Frazier providing his firsthand experience in a piece titled, "Mechanical Circulatory Assist Device Development at the Texas Heart Institute: A Personal Perspective."

These articles, as well as the Discussion in Cardiothoracic Treatment and Care on "State of the Art: CABG" moderated by Dr John Puskas and paneled by experts Drs Harold Lazar, Michael Mack, Joseph Sabik, and David Taggart, present our readers with perspectives on bilateral ITA grafting, endoscopic conduit harvesting, hybrid procedures, and the future of OPCAB.

**New online:** the audio recording of the Discussion is available at <http://www.semthorcardiovascsurg.com/>.

The last highlighted article is a "State of the Art" article by Dr Nagashree Seetharamu from New York University

Cancer Center, who discusses promising immunotherapeutic strategies non-small cell lung cancer.

### *Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*

*Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* Editor, Dr J. William Gaynor, would like to call your attention to the next issue's featured articles. We are delighted to introduce the new "Transplant Surgery" section to *Op Techs*. Dr Duane Davis, the Associate Editor, has invited Drs Carmelo Milano and Jonathan Chen to describe transplant surgeries following pre-transplant mechanical circulatory support as a bridge to transplant.

Dr Benjamin Kozower, Associate Editor for the "General Thoracic" section has chosen Dr Rishindra Reddy to provide an excellent description of management of esophageal diverticulum. The vast majority of esophageal diverticula are secondary to motility disorders and his review provides a clear and appropriate strategy for treating them.

Dr Glen Van Arsdell now leads the "Congenital" section and invited Dr Kirk Kanter to share his thoughts on and applications for performing Fontans with an eye to distributing blood flow from the inferior vena cava to both lungs equally by utilizing a Y graft.

Dr John Kern, Associate Editor for the "Adult Cardiac" section, has invited Drs John Conte and Tom Gleason to describe their preferred methods of repair of anterior and posterior post-infarct VSDs.

## The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

### Applications for Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

#### Active Member

\$325.00 annually, plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.
- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed

his/her thoracic surgical residency in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count towards one of the three years of practice.

- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant's staff privileges at any hospital.

#### Candidate Member

\$100.00 annually

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for cardiothoracic surgery education by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada or their equivalency from within the Association's geographic limits. Individuals who